GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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BERTH ALLOTMENT FOR CANCER PATIENTS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Railways have placed a limit on the number of berths and seats to be allotted under the emergency quota for cancer patients;and

(b) if so, the details thereof indicating reasons for modifying the existing system?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI ADHIR RANJAN CHOWDHURY)

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The maximum number of berths out of the emergency quota in a train which can be accessed by cancer patients and their attendants is as under:-

Class	Maximum number of berths out of the emergency quota in a train, which can be accessed by cancer patients and their attendants
Sleeper	4
Air-conditioned Chair Car	2
Air-conditioned 3 Tier	2
Air-conditioned 2 Tier	2
First class	2

This limit was imposed after receiving references from Zonal Railways advising instances where they were unable to accommodate High Officials and Members of Parliament on official travel on account of the entire emergency quota being automatically utilized by cancer patients particularly during peak season. However, separate quota for cancer patients is also available on several trains.